

Remarks

In the official action, the Examiner asserts that the claims in this application fall into two Classes, namely Class I, comprising claims 1-5 and 13-15, and Class II, comprising claims 6-12 and 16-18.

The Applicant hereby elects the method claims (claims 6-12 and 16-18) for initial examination in this application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit overpayment to deposit account no. 12-0415. In particular, if this response is not timely filed, then the Commissioner is authorized to treat this response as including a petition to extend the time period pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) requesting an extension of time of the number of months necessary to make this response timely filed and the petition fee due in connection therewith may be charged to deposit account no. 12-0415.

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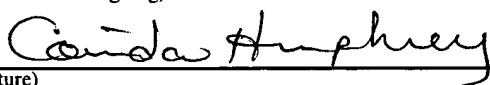
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